

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Bryan Atchley upon named 2013 Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those public servants who, throughout their careers, have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of excellence while endeavoring to improve the lives of those in their communities and in this State; and

WHEREAS, Bryan C. Atchley, long-serving mayor of Sevierville, is one such public servant. Mayor Atchley was recently recognized by the Tennessee Municipal League as its 2013 Mayor of the Year, an honor most befitting his many contributions to the growth and success of Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, the mayor of Sevierville since 1995, Mr. Atchley has served the City of Sevierville in numerous capacities for nearly thirty years. Between 1979 and 1989, Bryan Atchley rendered sterling service as an alderman for the City, and his work as mayor has garnered praise both near and far, as has his service as the chairman of the Sevier County Urban Growth Committee, a post he has held since 1998; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, Bryan Atchley has long been a proud resident of Sevierville. He was a member of the 1970 graduating class of Sevier County High School and, in 1973, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Carson Newman College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his career in public service, Mr. Atchley has served with acumen and alacrity in the medical sales and hospital administration field for more than forty years. From 1971 until 1978, he served as an Assistant Administrator for Sevier County

Hospital and, between 1978 and 1991, Mr. Atchley was a medical sales representative for Durr-Fillauer Medical; and

WHEREAS, returning to health care administration in 1991, Bryan Atchley served as an Assistant Administrator for the Sevier County Health Care Center until 2006, when he became the center's Administrator, a position he continues to hold; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his field, Mr. Atchley has held membership in a number of professional organizations, including the Tennessee Health Care Association, within which he has served as a member of the board of directors; as president, senior vice president, secretary, and treasurer; and as a member and chair of several committees. He was also appointed by Governor Sundquist to the Health Services and Development Agency in 2002, and was reappointed by Governor Bredesen in 2005 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, Bryan Atchley has been licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator and has served as a valued member of the American College of Health Care Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Atchley is also a firm believer in the importance of civic involvement and has held membership in a number of community-based organizations. He has served as a member of the Walters State Community College Advisory Board since 1996; was a member of the Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic board of directors from 1998 until 2002; is the past president of the Sevierville Lions Club, the Sevier County High School Football Boosters, and the Sevierville Little League Baseball Association; was a member of the Sevierville/Sevier County Volunteer Fire Department for fifteen years; and, in 2005, served as the chairman of the Sevier County United Way; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the highest ideals of professionalism, Bryan Atchley has, over the years, gained the respect and admiration of many, while serving as an inspiration to many more. His verve and vitality, unwavering even in the face of adversity, has inspired all who know him, and his victories over prostate and oral cancer stand as a tribute to his passion for life and all it offers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Atchley is also devoted to family values of the highest order, and is most appreciative of the love and support he shared with his wife before her death and he continues to share with his children, Bryan, Jr. and Ann Marie, and his grandchildren, Ansley and Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bryan Atchley stands as one of the finest examples of public service in the State of Tennessee, and it is fitting that this body recognize him for his many years of dedicated service and for the award fittingly bestowed upon him by the Tennessee Municipal League; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Mayor Bryan Atchley upon his receipt of TML's 2013 Mayor of the Year award, extending our deepest gratitude for many years of service to his community and this State and our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.